

Background Paper

Charter for Superfund Special Accounts Senior Management Committee

Background

- The OIG recommended in its report, *Improved Management of Superfund Special Accounts Will Make More Funds Available for Clean-ups (March 18, 2009)*, that the Deputy Administrator designate a central management and action official for special accounts, and document this delegation.
- Rather than designating one entity within the Agency to be a central management and action official for special accounts, the Agency established a Special Accounts Senior Management Committee.
- The Committee was officially established through the original Charter signed in 2009 by the Assistant Administrators for OSWER, OECA, and OCFO and the Regional Administrators for the Lead Region for Management (Region 8) and Lead Region for Superfund (Region 7).
- The Special Accounts Senior Management Committee is comprised of senior career officials in the following Headquarters offices and lead regions that have responsibility for managing special accounts:
 - OSWER/OSRTI (Committee Chair)
 - OECA/OSRE
 - OCFO/OB
 - OCFO/OFM
 - OCFO/OFS
 - Region 2 (Lead Region for Superfund FY 2015 – FY 2016)
 - Region 9 (Lead Region for Management FY 2015 – FY 2016)
- The Charter includes provisions that it can be updated every 2 years. This is the first update to the Charter since its original signature in 2009.
- The update to the Charter includes the following changes:
 - Updates references to special account guidance documents that have been superseded.
 - Adds a provision that the Chair of the Special Accounts Senior Management Committee may cancel a semi-annual meeting if there are no immediate issues to be addressed to warrant a meeting, but consecutive semi-annual meetings may not be canceled.
 - Clarifies that the Chair will produce a report on the Committee's activities in each fiscal year.
 - Documents the agreement made by the Special Accounts Senior Management Committee that OSRTI may issue guidance and policy specific to special accounts on behalf of the Special Accounts Senior Management Committee members.
 - Replaces references to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) with the Superfund Enterprise Management System (SEMS), which replaced CERCLIS in FY 2014.

Action Required

- Signature of the updated Charter by the Assistant Administrators for OSWER, OECA, and OCFO and the Regional Administrators for the Lead Region for Superfund (Region 2) and the Lead Region for Management (Region 9).